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REPORT

for the

Year 1960

of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

B. SCHROEDER, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.

and of the

CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

AND CLEANSING SUPERINTENDENT

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TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE
WHITBY RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Mr. Chairman, Miss Ostergard and Gentlemen,

In the rural district the year has been marked by the transfer of its water undertaking to Scarborough Corporation. The Council felt that, sorry as they were to relinquish the management of this undertaking, which had been brought from a very low ebb ten or twelve years ago, the public whom they served would be benefitted by the terms of the agreement made with the Scarborough Corporation.

Prospects of work for men in the district were improved temporarily by the announcement that an Early Warning Station was to be sited on Fylingdales Moor, and by the end of the year work had commenced and local men were beginning to feel the benefit of it.

As mentioned by Mr. Thompson, the progress of the Council's scheme of sewerage disposal in the district was marked by the completion of the Grosmont village sewage scheme. The works are unique in their method of treatment. The two principal ways of treating sewage are either by dilution (through a sea outfall for a coastal town) or by filtration through a works for an inland town. Grosmont does both, the effluent being diluted by underground water.

The proposals made by the butchers indicate that unless there is some change the number of slaughterhouses to be visited will be much reduced in the future. The requirements of the new legislation have been too severe for some of the butchers at present maintaining slaughterhouses to comply with.

In the section on housing in Mr. Thompson's report, it will be noticed that he had surveyed 3,875 houses, i.e. about four-fifths of the houses in this district. Those who have followed Mr. Thompson's reports over the last ten years or so will notice the steady progress made in improvements, principally with the aid of improvement grants, and renovation of old property by the owner supplemented by some demolitions; but it is clearly time that the Council, where it has taken the preliminary steps of providing main water and sewerage schemes, should endeavour to reduce the number of houses so far below modern living conditions as to fall into Class 5, to a minimum. The work done in the

past on water schemes and now being done on sewerage schemes, together with the possible reduction in the number of slaughterhouses to be visited, will, it is hoped, pave the way for this. According to the Housing Act 1957, a house, to be legally fit for human habitation, should be in good repair, stable, free from damp, with good natural light, through ventilation (i.e. not back to back with another house nor backed into a hillside), with a proper water supply, drainage and sanitary conveniences and with facilities for the storage, preparation and cooking of food and the disposal of waste water.

I am, .

Yours obediently,

B. SCHROEDER.

Medical Officer of Health.

District Health Service,
Grape Lane,
Whitby.



PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS OF THE LOCAL AUTHORITY, 1960.

Name.	Qualifications	Office held.	Whole or part time.	Other Public Offices held.
B. SCHROEDER	M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.	Medical Officer of Health.	Whole	Medical Officer of Health, Whitby U.D.C. Assistant County Medical Officer, N.R.C.C.
F. J. THOMPSON	M.R.S.H. M.A.P.H.I.	Chief Public Health Inspector	Whole	
A. H. GILL	M.R.S.H. M.A.P.H.I.	Additional Public Health Inspector.	Whole	

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA.

Population—

Registrar-General's Estimate, Mid-1960	11,520
Rateable Value at 1st April, 1961	£104,839
Sum represented by a Penny Rate, 1961-62—	£410

VITAL STATISTICS.

	Male	Female	Total
Live Births—Legitimate	87	70	157
Illegitimate	5	5	10
	—	—	—
Totals	92	75	167
	—	—	—
Crude Birth Rate per 1,000 estimated population			14.5
Corrected Birth Rate per 1,000 estimated population			17.5
Birth Rate per 1,000 estimated population, England and Wales			17.1
	Male	Female	Total
Still Births—Legitimate	5	1	6
Illegitimate	—	—	—
	—	—	—
Total	5	1	6
	—	—	—
Still Birth Rate per 1,000 total live and still births			34.7
Still Birth Rate per 1,000 total live and still births, England and Wales			19.7
Deaths of Infants under one year—			
	Male	Female	Total
Legitimate	2	—	2
Illegitimate	—	—	—
	—	—	—
Total	2	—	2
	—	—	—
Death Rate of Infants under 1 year per 1,000 live births			12.0
Death Rate of Infants under 1 year per 1,000 live births, England and Wales			21.7
Deaths of Infants under 4 weeks old—			
	Male	Female	Total
Legitimate	2	—	2
Illegitimate	—	—	—
	—	—	—
Total	2	—	2
	—	—	—

Deaths of Infants under 1 week old—

	Male	Female	Total
Legitimate	2	—	2
Illegitimate	—	—	—
	—	—	—
Total	2	—	2
	—	—	—
	Male	Female	Total
Deaths	80	85	165
Crude Death Rate for 1,000 estimated population			14.3
Corrected Death Rate per 1,000 estimated population			11.9
Death Rate per 1,000 estimated population, England and Wales			11.5

CAUSES OF DEATH, 1960.

According to the Registrar-General's Classification:—

	Male	Female	Total
Syphilitic Disease	1	0	1
Malignant Neoplasm, stomach	3	2	5
Malignant Neoplasm, lung, bronchus	3	4	7
Malignant Neoplasm, breast	0	2	2
Malignant Neoplasm, Uterus	0	2	2
Other Malignant and Lymphatic Neoplasms	7	6	13
Leukaemia, aleukaemia	1	1	2
Diabetes	0	1	1
Vascular Lesions of Nervous System	16	24	40
Coronary Disease, angina	17	6	23
Hypertension with heart disease	1	1	2
Other heart disease	9	17	26
Other circulatory disease	2	3	5
Pneumonia	2	4	6
Bronchitis	5	1	6
Other diseases of respiratory system	1	1	2
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	0	1	1
Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	1	0	1
Other defined and ill-defined diseases	6	6	12
Motor vehicle accidents	0	0	0
All other accidents	3	3	6
Suicide	2	0	2
	—	—	—
	80	85	165
	—	—	—

TABLE OF DEATHS IN AGE GROUPS—MALES.

Cause of Death.	Under 4 wks.-									
	4 wks.	1 yr.	1-4	5-14	15-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65-74 75 +
Syphilitic disease	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Malignant neoplasm, stomach	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—
Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—
Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	4
Leukaemia, aleukaemia	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—
Vascular lesions of nervous system	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	12
Coronary disease, angina	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	4	4
Hypertension with heart disease	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other heart disease	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	7
Other circulatory disease	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1
Pneumonia	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1
Bronchitis	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	2
Other diseases of respiratory system	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Other defined and ill-defined diseases	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	3
Motor vehicle accidents	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
All other accidents	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	2
Suicide	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—
Totals	2	—	—	—	—	—	2	8	11	38

The above figures, compiled from local records, show one death more than the Registrar-General's figures.

TABLE OF DEATHS IN AGE GROUPS—FEMALES.

Cause of Death.	Under 4 wks.-		1-4	5-14	15-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65-74	75 +
	4 wks.	1 yr.									
Malignant neoplasm, stomach	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1
Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	2	—
Malignant neoplasm, breast	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1
Malignant neoplasm, uterus	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	—
Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	3	2
Leukaemia, aleukaemia	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
Diabetes	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
Vascular lesions of nervous system	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	2	9	12
Coronary disease, angina	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	3	1
Hypertension with heart disease	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—
Other heart disease	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	2	14
Other circulatory diseases	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	1
Pneumonia	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	2
Bronchitis	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—
Other diseases of respiratory system	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—
Other defined and ill-defined diseases	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	5
Motor vehicle accidents	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
All other accidents	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	2
Totals	—	—	1	—	—	1	2	3	9	28	41

COMMENT ON VITAL STATISTICS.

Perhaps the most obvious thing about the tables of death is that men start to die about ten years before women. There were no deaths from tuberculosis and even as long as ten years ago our figures were only about a third of the national average for deaths from this cause. Deaths from cancer of the lung, which were low, are steadily increasing, and our deaths from vascular lesions of the nervous system are above the national average. Deaths of men from accidents other than motor vehicle accidents, which, averaged over a period of five years, about double the national average, probably reflect the hazards of work in a rural community as compared with life in an industrial community, where in the large factories elaborate precautions are taken to prevent accidents.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

(Other than Tuberculosis)

Infectious diseases were notified as follows:—

Measles	60
Scarlet Fever	3
Whooping Cough	3

TUBERCULOSIS, 1960.

During the year one case of pulmonary tuberculosis, a female, and one case of non-pulmonary tuberculosis, a male, were notified.

SUMMARY OF MASS RADIOGRAPHY SURVEY AT WHITBY, 1960.

Group	Attendances.			Referred to the Chest Clinic.				No Significant Abnormality
	Miniature Films	Large Films	Active P.P.P.T.	Inactive P.P.P.T.	Bronchial Carcinoma	Other Abnormalities		
WHITBY :								
Hospital Management Committee—								
Nursing Staff	20	1	—	—	—	1	—	—
Other Staffs	30	1	—	—	—	—	—	1
Local Government—								
Nursing Staff	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Teaching Staff	13	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Police	7	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Others	48	2	—	—	—	—	—	—
“ Mantoux Positive ” Schs.	26	1	1	—	—	—	—	2
Training College Entrants	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
R.A.F. Personnel	18	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Civil Servants & Nationalised Industries	61	2	—	—	—	2	—	—
Sundry Firms	141	1	—	—	—	—	—	1
PUBLIC SESSION	370	9	—	—	1	1	7	—
WHITBY TOTAL	736	17	1	—	1	4	11	—
ROBIN HOOD'S BAY :								
PUBLIC SESSION	244	8	—	—	—	1	7	—
“ Mantoux Positive ” Schs.	3	1	—	—	—	—	1	—
SLEIGHTS :								
PUBLIC SESSION	171	9	—	—	—	—	9	—
“ Mantoux Positive ” Schs.	10	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
HINDERWELL :								
PUBLIC SESSION	150	3	—	—	—	1	2	—
“ Mantoux Positive ” Schs.	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
GRAND TOTAL	1,318	38	1	—	1	6	30	

HOSPITALS.

The Hospitals in Whitby are administered by the Scarborough, Bridlington, Malton and Whitby Group Hospital Management Committee :—

(1) **WAR MEMORIAL HOSPITAL.**

A General Hospital with an Out-patient Department.

(2) **ST. HILDA'S HOSPITAL.**

Specially equipped for the care of the aged sick.

(3) **ESKDALE HOSPITAL.**

A General Hospital with a Maternity Ward.

HOSPITAL ACCOMMODATION FOR INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

Scarborough and Middlesbrough Isolation Hospitals are available for the admission of infectious diseases.

Special arrangements are made for cases of Poliomyelitis.

LOCAL HEALTH SERVICES PROVIDED IN THE AREA BY THE NORTH RIDING COUNTY COUNCIL.

Care of Mothers and Young Children.

Infant Welfare Centres are held as follows:—

Grape Lane, Whitby.

Each Tuesday, 2.0—4.0 p.m.

Women's Institute, Hinderwell.

Alternate Thursdays, 2.0—4.0 p.m.

Downe Arms, Castleton.

Third Wednesday each month, 2.15—4.15 p.m.

Nelson Memorial Hall, Lealholm.

Second Friday each month, 2.0—4.0 p.m.

The Mount, Helredale, Whitby.

Alternate Thursdays, 2.0—4.0 p.m.

The Institute, Sleights.

Third Monday each month, 2.0—4.0 p.m.

The Ante-Natal Clinic at Grape Lane, Whitby, is held each Wednesday, from 2 to 4 p.m.

When required, patients attending Centres and Clinics may be referred to the following special clinics, also held at Grape Lane, Whitby.

Orthopaedic Clinic.

Dental Clinic.

Artificial Sunlight Clinic.

Eye Clinic.

Speech Therapy Clinic.

Home Nursing, Midwifery and Health Visiting.

For the purpose of these services, Whitby Rural District is divided into nursing areas, as follows:—

Area.	Nurses's Name and Address.	Tel. No.
Danby and Castleton	Nurse M. PHILLIPS, "Greenhills," Castleton.	Castleton 352.
Glaisdale	Nurse M. JAGGAR, "Honey Bee Nest," Glaisdale.	Glaisdale 257.
Goathland, Egton and Grosmont	Now Vacant.	
Hinderwell and Staithes	Nurse E. LONGSTER, 48, Seaton Crescent, Staithes.	Hinderwell 246.
Lythe, Sandsend and Sleights	Now Vacant.	
Robin Hood's Bay, Fylingdales and Hawsker	Now Vacant.	
Midwifery Only. Sleights, Aislaby and Sneaton	Nurse W. BRETHERICK 10b, Well Close Square, Whitby.	Whitby 963.

The duties of Health Visitors include the visiting of homes for the purpose of giving advice as to the care of young children. It is their duty to visit every home where there is a child below school age, so that the mother may be encouraged to discuss even the most trivial worry with the Health Visitor, who may then reassure her, or get her to seek expert advice.

In addition, they visit and advise expectant or nursing mothers, persons suffering from illness, including tuberculosis, and aged persons.

Vaccination and Immunisation.

During the year under review the numbers dealt with in the combined area, Whitby Urban and Rural districts, were as follows:—

	Immunisations		Smallpox Vaccinations		Whooping Cough Immunisations
	Primary	Refresher	Primary	Re-Vaccinations	Primary
Under 5 years	209	—	255	3	104
5—14 years ...	38	72	7	9	—
Over 15 years	—	—	5	1	—

The total numbers of children immunised at any time up to 31st December, 1960, were as follows :—

Under 5 years	694
5—14 years	2,338

At 31st December, 1960, 4,606 persons had received three injections of poliomyelitis vaccine since the inception of the scheme.

Ambulance Service.

Two large ambulances and one light ambulance (utilicon) are now housed in a garage off Stakesby Road, Whitby.

Occasionally Miss Bruce and her helpers in the Hospital Car Service have helped the ambulance service, and assistance has also been given by members of the St. John Ambulance Brigade.

Domestic Help Service.

Helps are provided when necessary, and 24 cases in the Rural District received assistance during 1960.

Payment for the service of a domestic help depends on income and necessary expenses, and varies from a possible full rate of 4s. 0d. an hour to a free service.

Mental Health Services.

The Mental Health Services are administered direct by the County Council. The Duly Authorised Officers for the area are :—

Miss S. A. Bray	{	16, Dean Road Scarborough.
Mr. F. W. Watson		Tel. No. Scarborough 309.

Welfare Services.

The District Welfare Officer, who sees to the welfare of old people, is Mr. G. V. Lee, District Welfare Office, Grape Lane, Whitby. Tel. No. Whitby 235.

Prevention of Illness, Care and After-Care.

An active Voluntary Care Committee serves the needs of the area, its chief functions being to provide extra nourishment, clothing, bedding, medical comforts, nursing equipment, etc., and to do everything possible for the welfare of sick persons.

The Secretary of the Care Committee, Mr. K. Birdsall, has kindly prepared the following extract from his Annual Report :—

“During the year ended 31st March, 1961, the following items of assistance have been given :—

Tuberculosis.

Two patients received extra nourishment, consisting of 22 tins Horlicks and 20 jars Bovril.

Travelling expenses paid to wives of two patients in sanatoria (York and Cottingham) on seven occasions.

Christmas gifts of £1 postal orders to eight patients.

Other Illnesses.

Two patients received extra nourishment, consisting of 5 tins Horlicks and 2 jars Bovril.

Husband suffering from bronchiectasis, wife from duodenal ulcer, provided with eggs and milk for 28 weeks.

Shoes provided for child suffering from after-effects of poliomyelitis—four pairs, odd sizes.

Mother and father helped with travelling expenses and overnight stay taking hydrocephalic baby to Alder Hey Hospital, Liverpool.

Bedding provided in one case.

Harvest Festival Produce.

Fruit and vegetables received from the Vicar of Lythe were shared between two large families with sick parents.

Equipment Loaned Out.

Dunlopillo Mattresses	9
Wheelchairs	7
Bed Rests	12
Bed Cradles	8
Rubber Sheets	26
Bed Blocks	4
Air Rings	3
Feeding Cups	2
Bedpans and urinals	34

Meals Service.

The W.V.S. "Meals on Wheels" service, efficiently organised by Miss E. F. Bruce, has again worked to capacity, having distributed 2,898 meals during the year.

Chiropody Service.

136 patients received treatment on 1,151 occasions, including 68 home treatments. Arrangements during the year under review comprised individual appointments at Mr. Ellison's surgery, and sessions held by Mrs. Baxter at the Grape Lane Centre.

Laundry Service.

The Hospital Laundry Service has again kindly dealt with laundry referred from patients under the care of district nurses. This is invaluable, particularly in cases where, because of incontinence, quick changes of bedding have been required.

Car Transport.

Whitby Round Table kindly helped by providing car transport for the wife of a patient who had had a serious heart operation at Cottingham."

ANNUAL REPORT

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CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

1960

TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE
WHITBY RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Mr. Chairman, Miss Ostergard and Gentlemen,

I present my Annual Report on the Sanitary Circumstances of the District and on the work of the Public Health Inspector's Department for the year 1960.

There were no water supply difficulties, due to the higher than average rainfall, particularly during the summer months. The Council's water undertaking was taken over by agreement, by the Scarborough Corporation on 1st October, 1960, in furtherance of the Government's policy of grouping water undertakings.

Continued progress was made with the provision of sewerage facilities, and Grosmont village sewerage scheme was completed at a cost of £11,451. Further schemes are under consideration.

A record amount of refuse ($1139\frac{1}{2}$ lorry loads) was collected and disposed of by the refuse collection service. House refuse continues to become lighter and bulkier due to the increasing percentage of container waste, i.e. cartons, wrappers, tins, etc., and this increased bulk creates difficulties for the refuse service.

46 houses were improved with the aid of Discretionary Improvement Grants, and a further 6 houses improved with Standard Improvement Grants. Since the first grants were made by the Council in 1951, 244 houses have been improved, the grants totalling £44,819 2s. 4d.. 21 new houses were built by private enterprise. 4 Council houses were under construction at the end of the year. One unfit house was demolished and another closed.

The number of meat inspection visits (1037) was again a record. Every effort is made to carry out 100 per cent inspection of all carcasses and offals, but this is made difficult by the multiplicity and scattered nature of the slaughterhouses and the fact that slaughtering is carried on at all hours and on all days of the week.

Because of the amount of work involved in meat inspection, Improvement Grant applications, and caravan sites under the new legislation, it was impossible to devote sufficient time to slum clearance and food premises. It is hoped to spend more time on these important matters as the pressure of other work reduces.

I am,

Your Obedient Servant,

F. J. THOMPSON,

Chief Public Health Inspector.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA WATER SUPPLY.

General.

There were no shortages of water in the area supplied by the Council's Water Schemes and yields from all sources were above average due to the continued wet weather of the summer months.

Twenty-one of the twenty-two parishes in the district have a piped water supply, seventeen parishes being supplied by the Council and four by both the Council and private undertakings. The remaining parish, Hutton Mulgrave, consists mainly of isolated farms in one ownership, and the Estate concerned has provided supplies to these farms by means of individual and grouped water schemes. The majority of properties in the District which have no mains water supply are isolated cottages and farms to which it would be impossible to pipe water either because of contour or excessive cost. Most of these isolated dwellings have their own individual piped supplies.

Renewals and Extensions.

600 yards of 3 inch asbestos main were laid to extend the water supply at West Barnby to additional farms.

Council-owned Water Schemes.

The Regional Water Scheme supplies Aislaby, Borrowby, Castleton, Danby, Dunsley, East and West Barnby, Egton, Egton Bridge, Ellerby, Fylingthorpe, Goldsborough, Hawsker, Hinderwell, Houlseyke, Kettleness, Lealholm, Lythe, Mickleby, Newholm, Newton Mulgrave, Raw, Robin Hood's Bay, Roxby, Runswick Bay, Sandsend, Scaling, Sneaton, Stainsacre, Staithes, Ugglebarnby and Ugthorpe.

Commondale, Goathland and Port Mulgrave—each of these three villages has a separate water scheme.

Privately-owned Water Schemes.

Grosmont, Sleights and Iburndale (Whitby Waterworks Company).

Commondale.

Esk Valley, Grosmont.

Glaisdale.

Westerdale.

Piped Supplies to Dwellinghouses.

32 houses were connected to the Council's water mains and 9 to the mains of private undertakings. At the end of the year 3,889 houses were on main water supplies, either publicly or privately owned, representing approximately 85 per cent of the total number of houses in the district. The remainder, 646, are mostly isolated houses and farms which have their own private supplies. Only a very few houses in the whole district are supplied by standpipe.

Water Samples.

Fifty-three samples were taken for bacteriological examination as follows:—

	Satisfactory.	Unsatisfactory.
Public supplies owned by Council ...	7	4
Supplies to individual houses and farms	20	13
Proposed supplies	4	5
	—	—
	31	22
	—	—

Most of the unsatisfactory samples were due to repeated sampling of a few polluted springs. Where polluted supplies are discovered, the necessary steps are taken to make them safe or to provide alternative supplies. None of the major supplies was found to be polluted. The Regional Water Scheme, Goathland Water Scheme, and the supply of the Whitby Waterworks Company, which serves part of the Rural District, are chlorinated. The Regional and Goathland Schemes are also filtered, and the Regional Water Scheme is treated to counteract possible plumbosolvency.

Transfer of Council's Water Undertaking.

Although the particulars and statistics given in the above report are in respect of the year ended 31st December 1960, the whole of the Council's Water Undertaking, including plant and stocks were transferred to the Scarborough Corporation on the 1st October, 1960. The only private supplies left in the district, apart from Estate and small supplies to individual houses, were those belonging to Whitby Waterworks Company, Glaisdale Water Company and the Westerdale Village supply, and it is anticipated that these supplies will be transferred to the Scarborough Corporation within the very near future.

DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE.

Sewerage and Sewage Disposal.

New Schemes.

Progress was maintained on the construction of new sewerage schemes and the following scheme was completed during the year:—

Village	Description of Work.	Contract Price.
GROSMONT.—	1638 yards of 6in. dia. pipes with sewage works	£11,451 7 4

During the year plans went ahead for the provision of sewerage schemes for Glaisdale, Danby and Castleton, and Hawsker villages.

General.

At the end of the year the position regarding sewerage in the various villages was as shown in the following tables. It will be seen that the list of major schemes now required is steadily decreasing and with the schemes for Glaisdale, Castleton and Danby, and Hawsker in hand, only five of the larger villages will then require sewerage.

A sewerage scheme was commenced at Glaisdale and work proceeded into 1961.

37 houses were connected to sewers during the year. Of the 4534 houses in the district 2859 are connected to sewers.

Villages Properly Sewered (21).

Aislaby, Sleights, Iburndale ..	Combined scheme, sewage treatment works.
East Barnby	Sewage treatment works.
Egton and Egton Bridge	Combined scheme, sewage treatment works.
Runswick Bay, Ellerby, Port Mulgrave	Combined scheme, sea outfall
Fylingthorpe	Sewage treatment works.
Goathland	Three separate schemes, all with sewage treatment works.
Grosmont	Sewage treatment works.
Dalehouse, Hinderwell and Staithes	Combined scheme, sea outfall.
Newholm	Sewage treatment works.
Robin Hood's Bay	Sea outfall.
Sandsend and Lythe	Combined scheme, sea outfall.
Stainsacre	Sewage treatment works.
Ugthorpe	Sewage treatment works.

Villages Needing Re-Sewering (2).

Castleton, Mickleyby.

Villages Needing Sewering (8).

Ainthorpe, Commondale, Danby, Glaisdale, Hawsker, Lealholm, Sneaton, Westerdale.

Small villages whose sewerage could be considered after those listed above have been dealt with (16).

Beckhole, Borrowby, Dunsley, Golden Grove, Goldsborough, Green End, Houlsyke, Kettleness, Littlebeck. Raw, Roxby, Ruswarp, Scaling, Stonegate, Ugglebarnby, West Barnby.

Closet Accommodation.

Continued progress on new sewerage schemes has enabled the conversion of dry closets to be accelerated and 58 such conversions were carried out during the year. Many of these conversions were carried out as part of Improvement Grant schemes under the Housing (Financial Provisions) Act, 1958, and the House Purchase and Housing Act, 1959. In other cases the Council makes a grant of £5 towards the cost of conversion.

Number of dry closets converted to W.C.'s ...	58
Number of additional W.C.'s provided in existing houses	12
Number of W.C.'s provided in new houses ...	21
Number of houses with W.C.'s	3588
Number of houses with dry closets	947

PUBLIC CLEANSING.

Refuse Collection Service.

This work is carried out by direct labour, 3 lorries and 10 men being employed. The service undertakes the emptying of dustbins and closet pails. As the district covers 176 square miles and the population is spread over 52 villages and hamlets, the service provided can be considered to be a really good one.

All the villages and hamlets in the Rural District have a collection of refuse of a frequency as stated below:—

Weekly Collections (30 villages).

Ainthorpe, Aislaby, Castleton, Commondale, Danby, Egton, Egton Bridge, Glaisdale, Goathland, Grosmont, Hawsker, Hinderwell, Houlsyke, Iburndale, Lealholm, Lythe, Newholm, Port Mulgrave, Robin Hood's Bay, Runswick Bay, Ruswarp, Sandsend, Sleights, Sneaton, Stainsacre, Staithes, Stonegate, Thorpe, Ugglebarnby, Westerdale.

Fortnightly Collections (22 villages).

Barnby East and West, Beckhole, Borrowby, Dalehouse, Dunsley, Ellerby, Esk Valley, Flask Inn, Fryup, Fyling Hall, Golden Grove, Goldsborough, Green End, Kettleness, Littlebeck, Mickleby, Newton Mulgrave, Raw, Roxby, Scaling, Ugthorpe.

Refuse Disposal.

This is mainly by tipping at two tips, one man being employed full-time at one tip and another man part-time at the second tip. A small proportion of refuse (16 per cent) was dealt with at the refuse disposal works of the Whitby Urban District Council. The proportion of refuse disposed of at each place is stated below:—

Mickleby Tip	658½ loads
Goathland Tip	291 loads
Whitby U.D.C.	190 loads
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	1139½ loads
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The amount of dry refuse, i.e. tins, paper and containers collected continue to rise, while the amount of wet refuse slowly decreases as sewerage schemes are completed. The number of loads dealt with in 1960, i.e. 1139½, compares with 1,109½ in 1959. This increase is mainly due to increases in the volume of refuse from individual houses, plus the increasing number of litter baskets in the area.

Cesspool Emptying.

66 privately-owned and 18 Council-owned septic tanks were emptied, amounting to 120 750-gallon loads.

The cost of refuse collection and disposal for the year ended 31st March, 1961, was £8,493—equal to a rate of 1s. 9d. in the £.

Salvage.

Salvage work is undertaken in conjunction with the collection and disposal of refuse. The following table shows the weight and value of the various items of salvage sold during the year:—

Material.	Weight.				Value.		
	T.	C.	Q.	lb.	£	s.	d.
Rags	1	4	1	25	22	12	5
Scrap Metal	5	18	—	—	19	6	0
Waste Paper	30	13	1	—	229	19	4
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	37	15	2	25	£271	17	9
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Street Sweeping.

This is carried out by the Council's workmen at Staithes, Hinderwell, Runswick Bay and Robin Hood's Bay.

Litter.

It seems a great pity that some of the visitors who come to our district especially to see the moors and seaside villages should be the very ones to cause the biggest nuisance, i.e. litter, and it would appear that more prosecutions will have to be taken to tidy up the district in summer.

Public Conveniences.

The Council has provided and maintains Public Conveniences at Castleton, Danby, Egton Bridge, Fylingthorpe, Glaisdale, Hinderwell, Lealholm, Robin Hood's Bay (2), Runswick Bay, Sleights and Staithes (2). There are also Public Conveniences at East Row and Sandsend, which are provided and maintained by the Mulgrave Estate.

No new Public Conveniences were erected in 1960 but extensions were made to the Conveniences at Staithes Bank Top and Hinderwell by the addition of a W.C. for men, in each case.

In view of the increasing number of summer visitors to this National Park area, the provision of Public Conveniences in the main villages appears to be essential. The Council is fully aware of this need and it is hoped to erect Public Conveniences at Egton during 1961 as part of the future programme.

Vandalism is particularly on the increase at the Council's Public Conveniences and continual repairs are being carried out to broken coin locks, flushing cisterns, doors and windows.

HOUSING.

The Rural Housing Survey was completed during 1949 and extended to all houses (other than agricultural dwellings) with a rateable value up to £26. The Survey records are kept up to date as far as possible, and the position at the end of the year is given below. The County Rural Housing Advisory Committee has decided that the Survey should apply to all houses regardless of rateable value, and an effort will be made to survey the additional houses involved. It is obviously desirable that statistics should relate to all the houses in the district rather than to a proportion of them.

No. of Houses Surveyed.	Classification:			
	1	2	3	5
3,875	1,327	796	1,543	209

Notes on Classification.

Class 1.—Houses fit in all respects.

Class 2.—Houses requiring minor repairs.

Class 3.—Houses where structural repairs or alterations are required.

Class 5.—Houses not capable of being rendered fit at a reasonable expense.

DETAILS OF SANITATION.

No. of Houses Surveyed.	No. Without Internal Water Supply.	No. Without Scullery Sinks.	No With W.C.'s.	No. With Dry Closets.	No. Without Baths.
3,875	299	297	3,192	683	1,439
(2,956)	(625)	(568)	(1,829)	(1,101)	(1,673)

The figures in brackets show the position when the Survey was completed in 1949, and indicate that there has been a slow but steady improvement in the sanitation of the houses generally since then. The number of houses without internal water supply, sinks, baths and water closets is being rapidly reduced as sewerage schemes become available.

Unfit Houses.

There were 209 Class V houses at the end of the year, compared with 216 at the end of 1959. The reduction is mainly due to reconditioning, much of it with the aid of Improvement Grants. Many of the Class V houses are weekend houses, used for holiday purposes only, and it will not be necessary to replace these houses with new ones.

Demolitions and Closing Orders.

The owners of 1, 2 and 3 North Road, Grosmont, have given an undertaking that as alternative accommodation becomes available these houses will not again be used for human habitation. Within the year No. 3 North Road did become vacant and was immediately closed.

Regent Cottage, Robin Hood's Bay, which had become uninhabitable due to cliff subsidence, was demolished by the Council as the owner could not be traced.

Repairs and Improvements.

46 houses were improved with the aid of Improvement Grants, a decrease of 10 on the figure of 1959. The grants

totalled £10,484 10s., an average of £227 18s. 6d. per house. Since the inception of the Discretionary Improvement Grant Scheme in 1951, 236 houses have been improved, the grants totalling £44,265 6s. 8d., an average of £187 11s. 4d. per house. The Council pays the maximum permissible grant of 50 per cent in each approved case, subject to the statutory limit of £400.

6 further houses were improved with the aid of Standard Improvement Grants at a total cost of £379 10s. 11d. The total value of Standard Grants made to the end of the year was £553 15s. 8d. at an average cost of £61 10s. 7d.

Overcrowding.

All known overcrowding cases were reviewed during the year, the number remaining on the Register at the year end being 5.

Movable Dwellings.

There are 29 licensed camping sites in the area accommodating a maximum of 544 movable dwellings. In addition, licenses were issued to station a further 27 individual dwellings on separate sites. The dwellings are mostly trailer caravans used for holiday purposes. The number of movable dwellings used for holiday purposes continues to increase, indicating the popularity of this form of holiday.

The Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act, 1960, came into operation on 29th August, 1960, instituting a new licensing system for caravans and providing for model standards for caravan sites. Discussions with the Planning Authority were held with a view to joint action in implementing the Act.

New Houses.

21 new houses were provided by private enterprise. No houses were built by the Council but four Council houses were under construction at the end of the year.

Council House Applications.

There were 110 applications on the Register at the end of the year, of which 41 were from outside the Council's district. The corresponding figures at the end of 1959 were 122 and 27 respectively. All local applications are investigated and the register is revised annually by writing to all applicants.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

Milk Supplies.

There are 16 Milk Distributors and 3 dairies registered under the Milk and Dairies Regulations 1949. In addition, there are 26 producer-retailers who are registered by the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.

Graded Milk.

There were 307 licensed producers of Tuberculin Tested milk at the end of the year, an increase of 61 over the previous year.

49 Dealer's Licences were granted by the Council under the Milk (Special Designations) Regulations 1949, authorising the use of the special designations "Tuberculin Tested" (20) "Pasteurised" (19) and "Sterilised" (10). From the 1st January, 1961, these licences will be issued by the North Riding County Council, as the Food and Drugs Authority, under the Milk (Special Designation) Regulations, 1960.

Ice Cream.

There were 72 premises registered for the sale of ice cream and in every case the ice cream sold in the district is manufactured elsewhere and consists of well-known makes.

Meat and Other Foods.

There are 8 licensed slaughterhouses, including a small bacon factory. The slaughterhouses are widely scattered, ranging in distance from 4 to 16 miles from the office, and slaughtering takes place simultaneously at several different premises, and on Sundays at Egton Slaughterhouse, which engages in the wholesale trade. 99.7 per cent of animals killed were inspected and of the numbers not inspected, i.e. 32, these were sheep.

The number of meat inspection visits (1037) was an increase of 55 on the previous year and the number of animals slaughtered (9983) was a decrease of 1781 on the 1959 figures. Though the number of animals slaughtered decreased, the number of visits increased because of (a) the effort to obtain a 100 per cent inspection, and (b) the spreading out of slaughtering over the week.

Carcases and Offal Inspected and Condemned in whole or in part.

	Cattle excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Horses
No. killed	1,208	463	125	4,893	3,050	—
No. inspected	1,208	463	125	4,861	3,050	—
All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci :						
Whole Carcases Con- demned	1	13	9	37	10	—
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned ...	95	112	3	291	92	—
Percentage of the No. inspected affected with diseases other than Tuberculosis and Cysticerci ...	7.95	27	9.6	6.77	3.34	—
Tuberculosis only :						
Whole carcases con- demned	2	—	—	—	1	—
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	3	2	—	—	112	—
Percentage of the No. inspected affected with Tuberculosis	.41	.43	—	—	3.7	—
Cysticercosis :						
Whole carcases con- demned	—	—	—	—	—	—
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	3	1	—	—	—	—
Carcases submitted to treatment by refrigeration	—	—	—	—	—	—
Generalised and totally condemned	—	—	—	—	—	—
Percentage affected	.25	.21	—	—	—	—

Condemned Food.

The quantity of unfit food of various kinds condemned during the year is given below. There is a decrease of about 3 tons in the amount of meat and offal condemned compared with last year. This is mainly due to the virtual eradication of Tuberculosis, and to the quality of animals being killed.

CONDEMNED FOOD.

	Tons	Cwts.	Qrs.	Lbs.
Meat	4	12	2	2
Offal	1	7	3	1
Other Foods				75
	6	—	3	22

Slaughterhouses.

There are 8 licensed slaughterhouses in the district including one Bacon Factory. All are small premises, in most cases attached to the village butcher's shop, and slaughtering takes place usually once or twice each week. At the Egton slaughterhouse, which serves several butchers and also the wholesale trade, slaughtering takes place most days in the week, including Sundays.

The Council's Slaughterhouses Report was submitted to the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food on the 18th November, 1960, in accordance with the Slaughterhouses Act, 1958. Six of the eight occupiers of existing slaughterhouses intimated that they were prepared to alter and improve their premises to comply with the new construction regulations.

The Minister approved the Report and appointed the 1st January, 1962, as the day from which slaughterhouses in the district must comply with the construction regulations.

Slaughtermen.

There are 71 slaughtermen licensed under the Slaughter of Animals Acts, 1933, and 1954, mostly for the purpose of slaughtering cottagers' pigs.

Food Premises.

The food premises consist of the types stated below. Due to other commitments in relation to meat inspection, housing and drainage works, it was impossible to devote enough time to food premises generally.

Provisions	67
Sweets	5
Fruit and Vegetables	4
Bread and Cakes	10
Butchers	13
Dairies	3
Fried Fish Shops	5
Licensed Premises	50
Hotels, Guest Houses, etc.	15
Cafes	28
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Ninety premises used in connection with the manufacture, storage or sale of ice cream, preserved food, etc., were registered under Section 16 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1955, as follows:—

Ice Cream Premises	72
Butchers' Premises	13
Fish Frying Premises	5
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	90
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MISCELLANEOUS.

Rodent Control.

The Council's Rodent Operator dealt with 47 properties which were infested with rats or mice, involving 70 treatments in all, and a total of 812 visits were made. Annual test-baiting of all the sewerage systems was carried out in accordance with the recommendations of the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food. No infestations were found.

Factories.

There are 29 Factories on the Register, of which 24 use mechanical power and 5 do not. All the factories consist of small village businesses. Only 4 inspections were made during the year due to the pressure of other work. Two cases of insufficient sanitation were found and dealt with. There are no outworkers in the district. A tabular statement follows:—

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH IN RESPECT OF THE YEAR 1960 FOR THE RURAL DISTRICT OF WHITBY IN THE COUNTY OF YORK.

Prescribed Particulars on the Admistration of the Factories Act, 1937.

PART I OF THE ACT.

1.—INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors).

Premises	Number on Register	Inspections	Number of Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
(i) Factories in which sections 1, 2, 3, 4, and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	5	—	—	—
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	24	4	—	—
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding outworkers' premises)	—	—	—	—
TOTAL:	29	4	—	—

2.—Cases in which DEFECTS were found. (If defects are discovered at the premises on two, three or more separate occasions they should be reckoned as two, three or more “cases”).

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	To H.M. Inspector	Referred By H.M. Inspector	
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
Want of cleanliness (S.1)	—	—	—	—	—
Overcrowding (S.2)	—	—	—	—	—
Unreasonable temperature (S.3)	—	—	—	—	—
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)	—	—	—	—	—
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6) ...	—	—	—	—	—
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)					
(a) Insufficient	2	—	—	—	—
(b) Unsuitable or defective	—	—	—	—	—
(c) Not separate for sexes ...	—	—	—	—	—
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Out-work	—	—	—	—	—
Total	2	—	—	—	—

There are no Outworkers in the district.

SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA.

Summary of Visits and Inspections.

Water Supplies	46
Drainage	384
Refuse Collection	167
Refuse Disposal	58
Salvage	35
Food Inspection	1042
Food Premises	29
Housing	547
Nuisances	221
Overcrowding	5
Camping Sites	89
Public Conveniences	164
Factories	4
Petroleum Storage	22
Disinfection	5
Disinfestation	3
Rodent Control	1
Milk and Dairies	10
Pig Keeping	1
Miscellaneous	30
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